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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

HIDEKI ZAITSU

Application No.: 10/666,000

Filed: September 17, 2003

For: MAGNETIC READ/WRITE  
APPARATUS HAVING A  
WRITE INHIBIT SLICE  
SETTING CIRCUIT (as  
previously amended)

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 6604

Examiner: Varsha A. Kapadia

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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Sir:

Accompanying the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and in response to the Office Action including final rejection mailed August 24, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.